

Algerian Muslim Scouts facing the Earthquake



Introduction

In May 21, 2003, a severe earthquake struck Algeria and killed hundreds and injured thousands more. It was a big disaster hitting Algeria. The Algerian Muslim Scouts as a part of the community, they didn't wait to see what the government would do. They take an immediate action to help the victims.

Statistics about the victims:

Province (Wilaya)	Number of Killed people	Number of injured people
Boumerdas	1382	3442
Algeres	883	6787
Tizi Ouzou	07	261
Bouira	02	127
Blida	02	709
Bejaia	02	03
Médéa	00	121
Total	2278	11450

Source: National Group for facing the crises, 4 July 2003



Algerian Muslim Scouts Immediate Actions:

In 22 May 2003, the Algerian Muslim Scout moved the Head Quarter to the disaster place at the 1200 buildings sector where the most affected place located & built the Scout Camp for Solidarity. More than 1500 leader & Volunteer reach the place in 48 hours.

Objectives:

- Contributing in searching for living people under the buildings remains
- Looking after the victims & their families
- Receiving & Distributing the aids
- Helping in building the tents for the victims

Results of the First stage:

- Average of 4623 Leader & Volunteer helping in the process
- Receiving more than 140 tons / day of aids
- Distributing more than 120 tons/ day of food & aids
- Presence of 56 Medical & psychological doctors in portable & clinics
- Building more than 1400 tent



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Results of the second stage:

Presence of scouts in 75 helping center
Average of 1100 leader / week helping in the process
Number of leaders helped in the process from 21 May until 4 September 2003 reaches around 7000 Volunteer leaders
Number of beneficiary families around 12568 family
Number of children who looking after them around 255831 child
Number of activities is 15 activity / day



The main activities:

Picnics & trips
Camp fires
Competitions
Games
Sports games
Drawing & Handcrafts workshops

Portable libraries
Portable Cinemas
Cooking competitions
Teaching
Summer Camps



The Partners:

National Partners:

Civil defense
Algerian Red Crescent
The Provinces (Wilayas) offices for the following ministries:

- National Solidarity
- Health, Population & Hospital maintenance
- National education
- Culture & Communication
- Sports & Youth
- Interior & local groups

Official Administrators
Local executives & authorities
Mopidal Association for cleaning & disinfecting

International Partners:

UNICEF – Algeria
UNFPA – Algeria
French Scouts
Hope Society – France
Islamic Relief Organization – France
Algerian Immigrants Association – Spain
Doctors of the World – Greece
ICER Association – France
Citizenship & Solidarity Society – France
British Petroleum (BP) Company
Japanese Scouts



Helpful Scout Award:

To encourage the scouts to participate in the process, Algerian Muslim Scouts create an award for the Helpful Scout that given to all volunteers participate in the helping process for the earthquake victims. 7000 awards were given to leaders & volunteers.